

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the first partial paragraph on page 12, lines 1-8, as follows:

“One of the ways to achieve such conditions is by controlled venting of vapor space 33 by pumping in the aforedescribed inert gas into vapor space 33. The use of inert gas under a desired pressure is preferred to prevent undesired reactions from occurring in reactor [[33]] 32. Once the polymerization in reactor 32 is completed, the contents of the batch reactor are conveyed via a controllable valve 48 into a holding tank for further processing such as making a composition, such as a coating composition suitable for use in automotive OEM or refinish applications.”

Please amend the fourth full paragraph on page 17, lines 18-23, as follows:

“One or more functional acrylic monomers, such as glycidyl (meth)acrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl (meth)acrylate, 2-hydroxypropyl (meth)acrylate, 3-hydroxypropyl (meth)acrylate, hydroxybutyl (meth)acrylate, diethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, triethyleneglycol (meth)acrylate, diethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, and triethyleneglycol (meth)acrylate.”

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 26, lines 16-19, as follows:

“One can note by comparing Copolymer 1 to Comparative Copolymer 1 that for producing a polymer having substantially similar molecular weights, the process of the present invention utilizes just about half the amount of initiator (1.6% versus 3.0%).”